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SUBJ: CONTINENTAL AIRLINES PROPOSAL TO HANDLE
TRANSPORTATION OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES FROM THAILAND
TO THE UNITED STATES

REF: A. STATE 128558 B. BANGKOK 14348 C. BANGKOK 14019

1. REF A REQUESTED AN EVALUATION, APPARENTLY BEYOND THAT
OF REF B, OF THE CONTINENTAL AIRLINES PROPOSAL. IN
SUMMARY RESPONSE, CONTINENTAL PROPOSAL IS DESIGNED TO
REPLACE MOST ICEM ACTIVITIES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

2. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT
IS PAYING ICEM IN OVERHEAD EXPENSES FOR ITS BANGKOK
OPERATION, WE PRESUME THAT THE CONTINENTAL PROPSAL
WOULD RESULT IN SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER COSTS TO THE
DEPARTMENT BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE NO OVERHEAD. IN
OTHER WORDS, IF THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT INCLUDES
COSTS FOR THE SUPPORT OF WESTERN AND THAI PERSONNEL
ASSIGNED TO THE ICEM OFFICE IN BANGKOK, PRESUMABLY THOSE
COSTS WOULD BE ELIMINATED FOR OTHER THAN THE MEDICAL
STAFF.

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3. WE BELIEVE THAT EITHER THE JVA OR ICEM COULD PICK
UP ICEM FUNCTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROGRAM
PROVIDED EITHER USE CONTINENTAL AIRLINES FOR TRANS-
PORTATION ARRANGEMENTS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL QUESTION IN PARA 2 OF REF
A, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT A MIX OF THE CONTINENTAL

PROPOSAL AND A SPECIAL ICEM PROGRAM FOR US REFUGEES
MIGHT BE THE OPTIMAL SOLUTION. AT THE SAME TIME, THE
JVA POSSIBLY COULD EXPAND ITS ROLE TO INCLUDE SCREENING
OF THOSE REFUGEES ABOUT TO DEPART FROM CAMP, A FUNCTION
WHICH ICEM IS NOT CURRENTLY FULFILLING, BUT WHICH
ANY OF THE THREE COULD PICK UP.
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